



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Office of the Chief Operating Officer

VIA EMAIL

July 17, 2019



RE: Letter of Response for Written Grievance # 2688 filed on December 18, 2018.

Dear :

In accordance with Chapter 24 DCMR Subtitle 5-B, Section 2405 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, DC Public Schools (DCPS) Comprehensive Alternative Resolution and Equity (CARE) team has completed its investigation of the above referenced written grievance.

Grievance Issues





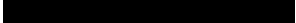
Based on a review of the information provided, the written grievance raised the following issues under the jurisdiction of this office:

1. **5-B 2405.2(f)** Any other violation of a right granted by law that does not have a specific grievance procedure or hearing process provided in this title.

You allege that a fence with chains and locks was put up around the school on December 18, 2018; you are concerned it violates student safety, because it prevents students from being able to leave the school in case of an emergency.

Investigative Procedure

The investigation included interviews with the following individuals:

- , Director of School Logistics (DSL) at 
- , Deputy Chief of Operations for DCPS
- , Facilities Operations Specialist for the .

The investigation also included review of the following documents which were either submitted by the complainant, submitted by the school, or accessible via DCPS data systems:

- Picture of fenced in area
- Video walkthrough of the modernization site
- Blueprint/sketch of the modernization site

The following findings of fact resulted from the investigation:

- According to [REDACTED], the MCN Build erected a chain-link construction fence around the site for this entire academic year. It's in place to keep students safe and separated from construction activity.
- According to [REDACTED] on December 17, 2018, an increase to the fencing of the alley behind the school was added. This was done because residents, Apple Tree staff/families would ignore the "No Parking" signs, routinely park in this alley, and block access for emergency vehicles and Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Discussion/Conclusion

As a result of this review, we have concluded that your claim is not substantiated. The fence was put in place to ensure the safety of all [REDACTED] students, families, and staff members. The fence is not violating any District fire or safety codes.

As the complainant, if you are not satisfied with the outcome, you have the right to file an appeal. Appeals must be submitted in writing and received within 10 calendar days of receipt of this notice. Please submit appeal requests to the Office of Integrity via U.S. Postal Mail to 1200 First St., NE, 11th Floor; Attn: CIO or via email at dcps.cio@dc.gov. You may also contact the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (1-800-421-3481) to report any educational discrimination.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at dcps.care@dc.gov or [202.442.5405](tel:202.442.5405).

Sincerely,



Anitra Allen-King, Director CARE

Cc: Principal
Instructional Superintendent